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FOR USDOC CRAIG ATKINS

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SUBJECT: AGRIBUSINESS SEMINAR MISSION

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1. EMBASSY ABIDJAN WELCOMES AGRIBUSINESS SEMINAR TEAM FOR FEB. 14 THROUGH 19 AND ADVANCE OFFICER ATKINS ON OR ABOUT JANUARY 24. IN ORDER TO ASSURE RESERVATIONS, EMBASSY NEEDS DEFINITE ITINERARY AND NAMES OF PARTICIPANTS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. HOTEL RESERVATIONS ARE DIFFICULT TO OBTAIN ON SHORT NOTICE.
2. ADDITIONALLY, IN ORDER TO BEGIN PROMOTIONAL WORK AND MAKE ARRANGEMENTS THE FOLLOWING IS NEEDED ASAP: (A) BROCHURES IN FRENCH SO THAT EMBASSY CAN MAIL INVITATIONS AND BEGIN TO CALL ON PROSPECTIVE ATTENDEES; (B) DECISIONS AS TO EXACT DATES LECTURES WILL BE HELD, WHERE SEMINAR WILL BE HELD AND WHETHER A COCKTAIL WILL BE OFFERED IN CONJUNCTION WITH IT. WHILE THE EMBASSY AUDITORIUM IS OF ADEQUATE SIZE TO HOLD THE SEMINAR, IT IS NOT PARTICULARLY ATTRACTIVE. THE EMBASSY THEREFORE RECOMMENDS THAT A CONFERENCE ROOM BE RENTED IN

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ONE OF THE LOCAL HOTELS, PREFERABLY ONE OF THE DOWNTOWN UTA HOTELS SUCH AS THE PARC OR THE TIAMA. THE COST WOULD BE AROUND \$250/DAY. IF A COCKTAIL IS DESIRED, ONE OF THESE HOTELS COULD ALSO BE USED. IF IT IS DECIDED TO HOLD THE SEMINAR AT A HOTEL AND/OR HAVE A COCKTAIL, FISCAL DATA WILL OF COURSE BE NECESSARY.

3. CONTROL OFFICER WILL BE JOYCE RABENS, HOME PHONE 31-25-43,

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4. PLEASE ADVISE.
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